

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-14 have been amended, and claims 15-20 have been added.

Amendments were made to remove all multiple dependencies from various claims. Other amendments were introduced to improve clarity and definiteness of the language. In no case has new matter been introduced.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in condition for examination and allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this amendment and pass this application to issue.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

Dated: December 17, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Samuel Livnat

Registration No.: 33,949

MCKENNA LONG & ALDRIDGE LLP

1900 K Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20006

(202) 496-7500

Attorneys for Applicant